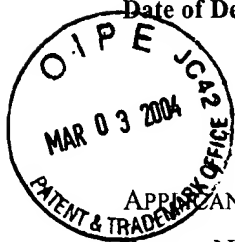


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Notice Of Incomplete Reply, mailed February 20, 2004 in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before March 3, 2004. A check in the amount of \$55.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith. The Applicants claim small entity status.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-620 (CURA-120). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

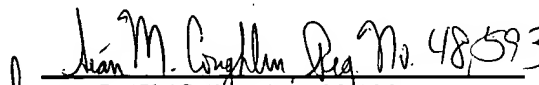
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